

EXHIBIT 9



ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

SENT VIA FACSIMILE (202/363-4266) & FIRST CLASS MAIL

August 29, 2001

Arthur V. Belendiuk
Smithwick & Belendiuk, P.C.
5028 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
Suite 301
Washington, DC 20016

RE: KNWS-TV Carriage

Dear Mr. Belendiuk:

Thank you for your letter regarding carriage of KNWS-TV. We respond as follows and look forward to assisting you and your client.

Community of License

Many broadcasters' physical address or mailing address differs from their community of license. Thank you for confirming that Katy, TX is KNWS-TV's community of license; it was not previously evident. Rejection for failing to provide community of license is withdrawn.

Election Postmarked July 2, 2001

In the spirit of cooperation we withdraw the ground of rejection for a postmark beyond July 1, 2001.

Signal Strength

As you know, we are required to include in our local channel offerings a must-carry station that, among other things, delivers a "good quality signal" to our receive facility. Assuming that you meet all the appropriate legal standards, we are prepared to complete our must-carry compliance with respect to your station.

Before commencing carriage, however, we must be assured that your signal meets the objective signal strength test-based engineering criteria as well as subjective picture quality-related criteria such as ghosting, noise and interference as set forth in FCC regulations. To that end, we are scheduling times at which you may perform signal testing at our receive facility and will inform you shortly about such availability. [A notice was mailed on August 20, 2001 from Colorado regarding the test schedule at our local receive facility in the Houston DMA on Sept. 7, 2001.]

If you elect to deliver your signal to our receive facility via fiber, proof of a good quality over-the-air signal will not be necessary, assuming that the signal delivered by fiber is unimpaired. Similarly, if you already have test-based data proving that your signal meets the "good quality signal" standard applied by the FCC, this might be sufficient proof of an acceptable signal. Please forward such dated test results, including a description of how the test was performed, to:

**Must Carry Engineering Group
EchoStar Communications Corp.
530 Echostar Drive
Cheyenne, WY 82007**

Sincerely,



Eric Sahl
Director of Programming

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RE: KLDT(TV) Carriage

Dear Mr. Belendiuk:

Thank you for your letter regarding carriage of KLDT(TV). We respond as follows and look forward to assisting you and your client.

Community of License

Many broadcasters' physical address or mailing address differs from their community of license. Thank you for confirming that Lake Dallas, TX is KLDT(TV)'s community of license; it was not previously evident. Rejection for failing to provide community of license is withdrawn.

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Sincerely,



Eric Sahl
Director of Programming

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EXHIBIT 10



EHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

September 19, 2001

Mr. Doug Johnson
KLDL
8440 Westpark
Houston, TX 77063

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Pursuant to the Order on Reconsideration, adopted by the FCC on September 4, 2001, the failure to prove your ability to deliver a good quality signal as a basis for rejection of your must-carry election for carriage is hereby rescinded. EchoStar will carry your signal pursuant to must carry regulations, assuming no grounds for rejecting your signal arise

Although your off-air signal meets the minimum federal standards, your signal may experience intermittent impulse interference or ghosting which can be eliminated by your provision of your station's signal via fiber optic line to preserve signal quality comparable to other stations providing fiber delivery in your DMA.

Any other grounds for rejection are withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Eric Sahl
Director of Programming



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Sahl", written over a horizontal line.

Eric Sahl
Director of Programming

EXHIBIT 11



ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

SENT VIA FACSIMILE (202/363-4266) & FIRST CLASS MAIL

December 7, 2001

Arthur V. Belendiuk
Smithwick & Belendiuk, P.C.
5028 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
Suite 301
Washington, DC 20016

RE: KLDT(TV) Election Rejection

Dear Mr. Belendiuk:

As you may be aware, the FCC's recent ruling denies carriage for broadcasters sending must carry elections postmarked beyond the July 1, 2001 deadline. Based on the fact that KLDT(TV)'s must carry election to EchoStar was postmarked July 2, 2001, EchoStar will not carry KLDT(TV) during the 2002 must carry cycle.

Sincerely,

Eric Sahl
Director of Programming

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ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

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December 7, 2001

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Smithwick & Belendiuk, P.C.
5028 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
Suite 301
Washington, DC 20016

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Sincerely,

Eric Sahl
Director of Programming

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kelly Waltersdorf, a legal assistant in the law offices of Smithwick & Belendiuk, P.C., hereby certify that on January 28, 2002, copies of the foregoing Petition to Deny were sent via First Class Mail, postage pre-paid, to the following parties:

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